

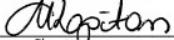
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Nobuyuki Fujiwara, et al.  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 24, 2008, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on March 24, 2009. Applicants submit this response within the two-month date of February 24, 2009. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.